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### **I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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### **II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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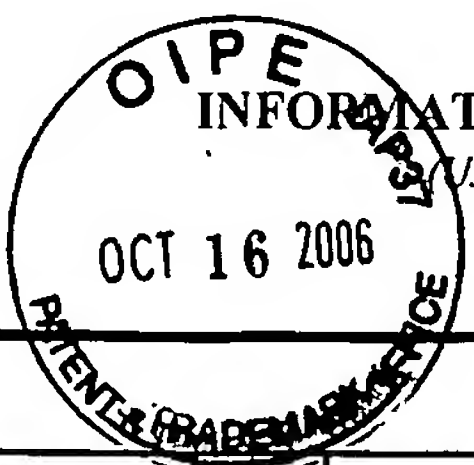


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